

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, claims 85-86, 88-89, 93, 95-97, and 100-112 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 84-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Strauss. Claims 88-92, 101-105, 111-112, 118, 122-128, 132, 136-141, 145, 149-150, 154-160, and 164-171 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Applicants' disclosure. Claims 129-131, 142-144, 161-163, and 172-174 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' disclosure. Claims 55-61, 68, 78-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strauss in view of Uschold. Claims 93, 95-96, 106-109, 119, 133, 146, and 151 were rejected over Applicants' disclosure in view of Japanese patent No. 195646. Claims 97-100 and 109-110 were rejected over Applicants' disclosure in view of Strauss.

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 55-57, 59-67, 71-76, 78-80, 88, 91, 93-94, 96, 104, 106-107, 115-122, 132-135, and 145-154 will have been amended, claims 1-54, 58, 68-70, 77, 81-87, 113-114, 125, 129-131, 138, 142-144, 157, and 161-174 will have been canceled, claims 175-189 will have been added, and claims 55-57, 59-67, 71-76, 78-80, 88-90, 92-103, 105-112, 115-124, 126-128, 132-137, 139-141, 145-156, 158-160, and 175-189 will remain pending in the application.

Although currently pending claims 62-67, 71-76, 94, 115-117, 120-121, 134-135, 147-148, and 152-153 have been withdrawn by the Examiner as non-elected under a Specie requirement, claims 62-67, 71-76, 94, 115-117, 120-121, 134-135, 147-148, and 152-153 have been amended by the present amendment to address elected claim language alleged by the Examiner to be indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

RESPONSE

Election/Restrictions:

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's amended specie requirement and agree that the claims examined appear consistent with the requirement imposed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 85-86, 88-89, 93, 95-97, and 100-112 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants traverse these rejections.

Claims 85-86 have been canceled by the present Amendment, rendering the rejections applied thereto moot. Since claims 88, 93, and 106-107 have been amended by the present Amendment to address the alleged indefiniteness, Applicants request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 84-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Strauss. Claims 88-92, 101-105, 111-112, 118, 122-128, 132, 136-141, 145, 149-150, 154-160, and 164-171 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Applicants' disclosure. Applicants traverse these rejections.

Since claims 84-86 have been canceled, the rejections based on Strauss are moot.

Claims 88, 118, 122, 132, 145, 149-150, and 154 have been amended by the present Amendment to recite that the reflectance of light is 0.040 or less. Applicants' disclosure provides support for these amendments (see, for example, page 15, lines 17-22). Applicants' disclosure of Example 6 in Table 1 with a reflectance of light of 0.044, as asserted by the

Examiner, does not anticipate the claimed reflectance of light of 0.040 or less. Accordingly, rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on Applicants' disclosure should be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 129-131, 142-144, 161-163, and 172-174 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' disclosure. Claims 55-61, 68, 78-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strauss in view of Uschold. Claims 93, 95-96, 106-109, 119, 133, 146, and 151 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' disclosure in view of Japanese patent No. 195646. Claims 97-100 and 109-110 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' disclosure in view of Strauss. Applicants traverse these rejections.

Example 6 from Applicants' disclosure as asserted by the Examiner does not render obvious a reflectance of light of 0.040 or less as recited in the pending claims, since Example 6 fails to provide a teaching or suggestion to modify the reflectance of 0.044 to the claimed value. Further, none of the other cited references (Uschold, Japanese patent No. 195646, and Strauss) in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections make up for the inadequacies of the base references since none of these references provides a teaching or suggestion to modify the reflectance of 0.044 to the claimed value. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Reincorporation of Nonelected Claims:

Independent claims 88, 118, 132, 145, and 150 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 1-54, 58, 68-70, 77, 81-87, 113-114, 125, 129-131, 138, 142-144, 157, and 161-174 have been canceled. Elected claims 55-57, 59-61, 78-80, 93, 95-100, 106-110, 119, 133, 146, and 151, and new claims 175-189 each depend upon allowable independent claims 88, 118, 132, 145, or 150 and are likewise allowable dependent claims. Further, non-elected specie claims 62-67, 71-76,

94, 115-117, 120-121, 134-135, 147-148, and 152-153 should be reincorporated into the application and should be allowed since the independent claims upon which they depend are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants aver that all pending claims 55-57, 59-67, 71-76, 78-80, 88-90, 92-103, 105-112, 115-124, 126-128, 132-137, 139-141, 145-156, 158-160, and 175-189 should be allowed and look forward to an indication of such.

CONCLUSION

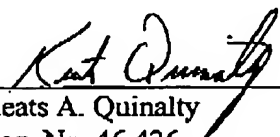
Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request an early indication thereof. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' counsel at the telephone number specified below with any questions or comments regarding this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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